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JULY 2009



NEXT MEETING
JULY 9, 2009, 1930 HRS

K6KUT, K6ZPL, SK

SUMMER BASH
August 23, 2009
at
W6YI
1130 HRS

How was your Field Day?

Making friends all over the world using the magic of Amateur Radio.
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JANIE PAQUETTE
K6ZPL, SK
1944-2009

Janie, Mother of 2, Grandmother of 5, and the wife of Past President Bubba, w6zpl. The ultimate Sunshine Girl died peacefully in her sleep June 27. Janie had been ill for some time. We will miss her. Arrangements are not known at this time and will be available on the club web site when available.



Please Join Us
Saturday, July 4, 2009
1:00 p.m.



Poppa's Last Patriotic March A Celebration of Life

Edwin Andress, W6kut, Uncle Ed, Grandpa & Dad
October 25, 1918-June 9, 2009

Chili Cook Off*, Horseshoes, Kid's Fun, Luncheon
1:00 Social
1:30 Luncheon
2:30 Chili Judging
3:00 Honor Ed and **THE MARCH**

*Please enter a chili in the contest. To encourage more participants, we are changing it up this year and will have 3 judging categories:

"Hottest of Hot", "Best Traditional Chili" and
"Most Original/Unusual"

Please have it here by 2:00 to be included in the judging and
bring it in a Crock pots if you have one.

Donations to "Cut it Out",
Salons against Domestic Violence
will be accepted in his honor as he so loved all his girls!

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THE PREZ SEZ



Hi Folks...

The band conditions are still not the best and it looks like it is going to be awhile before they improve. There are however still some windows of opportunity out there.

But in the meantime as I write this...field day will be coming up and I am sure all of you will have made some fun contacts just the same.

I would like to take this time to thank the Board Members for all their hard work in making this club what it is! Our last meeting was an example of just how professional this club is and what it takes to run it properly. It's not always easy - but everyone gives it their all. We are setting things up for the remainder of the year.

Our Holiday Party has been reserved...The DX Convention is in the works with committee members being selected for specific jobs and assignments for the 2010, which we will be hosting. All of this is possible not only from the work of the Board...but also from our supportive members like you!

So...to the members - thank you for your support too! You help make the club what it is. It's a fun and informative place to gather and to share information and stories with others who have the same interest.

Hope to see you at the July meeting. Don't forget to try and bring a friend or two! Or maybe your spouse?

Thanks again everyone!

Tom Paquette - N6OT

President SCDXC

ARNIE'S BLARNEY FOR JULY 2009

It is officially summer, not because the calendar turned to June 21st but because we held our annual club picnic on June 6th! There were about 60 individuals in attendance and I don't think anyone left hungry; two of our members left with raffle prizes.

Gary Apgar, NY6Y, is the proud owner of a Palstar1500 watt auto-tuner and Edgar Brown, N6OU, won a gift certificate from HRO.

We also gained a new member, N6HD, David Greenhut of Woodland Hills. Welcome back into the fold, David! I would like to thank everyone who helped to make the picnic a memorable event. There are too many of you to recognize individually.



The July 9th general meeting program will feature Chip Margelli, K7JA, who is a world renowned DXer, contester, six meter aficionado, late night TV star and Vice President for Amateur Radio Sales and Marketing for Heilsound, Ltd. He will moderate a DVD entitled "The Lost Islands." This is a fascinating video produced in Russia that details the 2001 IOTA DX-pedition to Arctic islands in North Central Russia. These islands served as airfields for Soviet strategic bombers and nuclear missile launch sites during the Cold War. The islands, dotted with Russian polar research stations, are among the most remote and inaccessible in the world. We will get a captivating look into the human condition as well as the passion that our Russian DX colleagues have for our hobby. Produced on behalf of the Russian Robinson Club, this video will wow you with breathtaking views of the frozen north, and you'll be impressed by the logistical prowess of the Russian DXers, who were led by a YL!

In honor of our speaker, the premier raffle prizes will be from Heilsound, Ltd. In addition, there will be discount certificates from the Callbook CD, the K1BV Awards Directory and the *DX Magazine*. Savings with these discount certificates can amount to as much as \$40.00.

After Chip's program, Carl, WU6D and Mel, K6SY will make a presentation regarding our plans for the 2010 International DX Convention in Visalia. I trust that everyone has already made Holiday Inn reservations.

KI6VEN, Phil, borrowed the ICOM 730 transceiver from the club for the past five months. Phil is now the proud owner of a Kenwood TS-850 and has returned the ICOM 730.

If anyone knows of a deserving ham needing to borrow a working all band (HF) transceiver until they can afford their own radio, please let me know and I will make arrangements for the transceiver to find a new temporary home with them.

Summer also means Field Day to amateur radio operators. I hope everyone had an opportunity to participate with their local radio club.

I am excited about the October 2009 DXpedition to Midway atoll. Our club will be very well represented by DJ9ZB – Franz Langer (Honorary member), N7CQQ – John Kennon (Associate member), W6KK – Charlie Spetnagel (Active member and the most recent recipient of the Dyer of the Year award), and N6HC – Arnie Shatz (Active member and your Vice-President). The call will be K4M and the web site is www.midway2009.com

This will be a reunion for the four of us; we were all together on the K7C Kure atoll expedition in 2005.
See you on July 9, 2009 in Culver City. Arnie, N6HC, Vice-President, SCDXC.

I apologize

THE ARTICLE “CAN YOU BELIEVE IT” Is not true.
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<http://www.legis.state.la.us/billdata/streamdocument.asp?did=655976>

First noticed by Gary, WB6PSY

Gonna take a rest

I have been both your Publisher, and Editor/ Publisher for 4 years now and it is time to turn over the reins to younger folks. Bill Kendrick N6RV, will be taking over soon as he comes back from vacation in August. I have truly enjoyed the time as your newsletter guy. Over the years many of you have sent me comments, some good some not so good. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. See you at the July meeting and then you can thank me. HI HI. Tnx agn, 73, Steve, W6NRQ



THE EDITOR

The Fog of War and Sporadic E

I am in the middle of putting everything together for Field Day. Our local club is putting in their consistent 6A effort. Hopefully by the time you read this we have survived the onslaught. Did everyone participate? One thing we did this year was place a lot of effort into recruitment. The visitor area included a fully functional station, an audio visual system running DVDs and presentations, and greeters who would introduce visitors to the hobby. We also had a T-Hunt planned as well as other activities for young people. You know if we do not persist in bring youth into the hobby we will have no one going out on DXpeditions when we are rolling around in wheelchairs!

Speaking of DX this month was fairly unusual don't you think? Last weekend was the All Asian DX Contest. Both nights many of us here on the West Coast were working into JA and HL on 15 and 10 at 11:00 PM local time. At the same time 6 Meters was open to JA! It was a huge multi-hop sporadic E opening! At midnight on Saturday I was calling 9M6XRO on 15! He stopped and had to tell me he was not in Asia! ... darn! An hour ago I worked 5J0BV for number 66 on 6. Yesterday the West Coast worked 8R1, V4, KP4, J39, and CO all on Double Hop Sporadic E. So as the 20 Meter band plods along through the summer noise remember to check out 15 through 6 even throw out a CQ or two. No telling what might be lurking in shadows! For those who think 6 meters is not a DX band I have to say that my weak signal skills were greatly improved from copying the watery weak signals on 6. It makes 160 look like a walk in the park. By the way old DXers migrate to those two bands after everything is worked in between!

As always we are in the hunt for club history and interesting tidbits and articles from our membership. It seems that the two surviving charter members can not remember where they put the old bulletins☺. Hopefully I will be able pick their brains shortly.

Steve, W6NRQ, is bowing out of the BULLetin publisher business. Thanks for your long and consistent dedication. You have done well! Now it is time to get those antennas back up for the sunspot peak. If you need any help let me know! I fall off roofs really well☺! I will be transitioning into the publishing position integrating the editor and publisher tasks back together.

In the next few weeks there will be a new addition to our family! My daughter is having her first child and our first grandchild. If I disappear for a few weeks you know what I will be doing. You know I am one of the younger members of the club. That said I am a late grandparent most of my contemporary have been grand parents for years. It still says something about the average age of our ranks. Get out there and start bringing in some youngsters before we lose our hobby forever! DE Bill N6RV

MEMBER PROFILE-KM6HB

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By Arnie Shatz, N6HC

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Mark McMullen was born in 1958 in Madrid, Spain. His father was stationed there while serving in the Air Force. While attending Cypress High School in the 1970s he became interested in CB radio and short wave listening. He also monitored and regularly scanned the VHF and UHF bands. Then life caught up with him and all his energy was devoted to earning an AA degree at Orange Coast Community College. He married in 1986. His daughter just graduated from college. He has worked in the Anaheim area for the past 20 years. Mark resides in South Orange County in an antenna-restricted community since 1998.

Chris, K6CF, elmered Mark into amateur radio in 1991 and KC6TQV came on the air from Santa Ana. He had a 40 foot tower topped by a Mosley TA-53 and a Butternut vertical in the back yard. He earned most of his DXCC credits with this antenna system. Within 18 months of first licensure he had sequentially passed the Technician, General, Advanced and Extra Class license examinations and he was assigned the call sign KM6HB. His first transceiver was a Uniden HR-2600 for ten meters. He joined the Ten-X International organization and was assigned Ten-X number 60321. He is a Life Member of ARRL. Mark joined the SCDXC in 2008.

The lure of DXing captured his interest when ten-meter activity began to fade due to the sun spot cycle. He upgraded his station with a Yaesu FT-990, Yaesu FT-100D (primarily for 6 and 2 meters), Alpha 78 linear amplifier, AEA PK-232 MBX and Rigblaster Pro (for RTTY and PSK), and a MFJ 989C antenna tuner. His antennas needed to be low profile when he moved to his present location in 1999 so he erected a Hustler Vertical for HF, Cushcraft 6 meter Ringo Ranger and placed an Alpha-Delta sloper in his attic crawl space.

With this equipment complex he has earned 7-band DXCC and has more than 100 DX entities confirmed on each of the following modes: Mixed (323), CW (250), SSB (319), RTTY (190) and PSK. He has earned the Logbook of the World Triple Play WAS award, WAS awards on SSB, CW and RTTY, 5-band WAS and has qualified for WAS-QRP. On VHF he has earned the VUCC award. He holds many CQ Magazine operating awards including USA-CA Worked All Counties, WPX Honor Roll, WAZ, CQ DX Award Honor Roll for SSB, CW, RTTY and QRP. IARU awards include WAC 5-band on SSB, RTTY and CW. He is also active in the IOTA program. (Whew! When do you have time to be gainfully employed Mark?)



Mark likes to be “on the other side of the pileup” too. He traveled to the South Cook Islands in July of 2000 and August of 2001 activating IOTAs OC-13, OC-083 and OC-159 as ZK1AHB. The call of the South Pacific beckoned him again in 2004. He activated OC-016 Viti Levu as 3D2HB. These mini-DXpeditions have provided some memorable highlights to his ham radio career. He published an article in *World Radio* on each of his trips to help others understand how they also might delight in a similar adventure.

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3D2HB

CONFIRMING (QSO WITH)	DATE (MONTH DAY YEAR)			UTC	MHz	RST	MODE (J-KEY)	GSL PSE TNK
	EST	MONTH	YEAR					

73 de **KMSHB**
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Mark is a World War Two history buff. With poor HF conditions on the horizon, he devised a strategy to combine his love of history and love of amateur radio pileup management by commemorating on the air Special Event operations on the 60th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge (K6B – December 16-30, 2004), Battle for Iwo Jima (K6I – February 19-March 5, 2005), and the Battle for Okinawa (K6O – April 1-15, 2005). He made very attractive QSL cards describing the history of each battle and wrote an article in *QST* describing his Special Event operations.



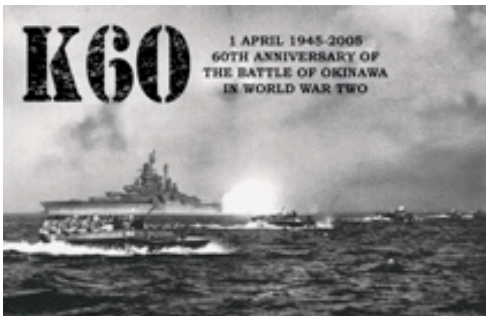
I don't know how he does it, but he also finds time for contesting! His favorite mode is RTTY and his favorite contest is the ARRL RTTY Round-up held each January. He has placed first in the Orange section twice. He also participates in the ARRL Sweepstakes competitions and was a first place Orange section SSB winner in 2005. Harkening back to his halcyon days of 10-meter activity, he regularly enters the ARRL 10

meter contest and has placed first in the single operator, unlimited class in 2005 and 2006 for the Orange section. Last but not least, he joins the fray in both the ARRL DX and CQ WW SSB contests each year to inflate his DXCC totals.

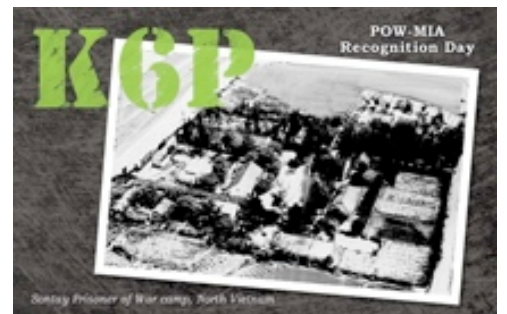


If you want to check to see if you've ever contacted Mark, go to his online logs (all operations) at: <http://dx.qsl.net/logs>. He also has all his QSOs posted on the ARRL LotW and EQSL.

Check out the KM6HB QRZ.com listing for more of Mark's accomplishments. Currently, he is working towards 30 meter DXCC, 6 meter WAS, and DXCC Honor Roll.



Mark would love to join us for our monthly Thursday evening soirees, but his work schedule precludes escaping to Culver City at the appointed time. He looks forward to the time when he can rub shoulders with the SCDXC community on a regular basis at our monthly meetings, picnic, summer bash and holiday party. If you hear him on the air, take a moment to say hello to another very interesting and accomplished club member.



Subj: Re: SCDXC Membership Upgrade
Jonathan Fox, KT6LA

Congratulations! You have been up graded from Associate Member to Regular Member with full voting privileges. Be sure you go on-line to the SCDXC web page and up date your country and zone totals. Again, congratulations!

Mel, K6SY, Membership,SCDXC

At the last San Diego DX Club meeting the following were elected for the July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010 term:

President: Wayne Zimmerman, NN6R

VP: Gayle Olson, K6GO

Secretary/Treasurer: Leon Helms, N6VS

BOD:

Jim Stevenson, W6YI

Tom Myrick, N6JOJ

Harry Hodges, W6YOO

Past President: Glenn Rattmann, K6NA

73,

Harry, W6YOO

Dear Friends at Southern California DX Club:

As you know by now, there is a multi-national team of eighteen highly experienced DXpeditioners that will activate Midway Island this October. Dave WB4JTT, and Tom N4XP, are our skilled co-leaders.



Because of Midway's unusual circumstances dealing with US Governmental controls, it has not been active since 2002. Before that period, activity was sparse. We will operate as many as six radios on all bands from 160 through 6 meters on CW, SSB, RTTY and SSTV.

Team Members: AA4NN, DJ9ZB, EA1IR, EA1DR, K9CT, KH7U, N1DG, N4PN, N4XP, N6HC, N7CQQ, W6KK, W6OSP, W8CAA, W8GEX, WA7NB, WB4JT

ATTENTION SCDXCers.

The Midway Island DXpedition in October 2009 will be very well represented by several members of our club. Check out the web site www.midway2009.com <<http://www.midway2009.com>>

Franz Langer	DJ9ZB	Honorary Member
John Kennon	N7CQQ	Associate Member
Charles Spetnagel	W6KK	Active Member and 2009 DXer of the Year
Arnold Shatz	N6HC	Active Member and 2009 SCDXC Vice-President, SCDXC

These same four DXpeditioners represented the club in 2005 on the K7C (Kure Island) DXpedition team.

Submitted by N6HC



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